

Rocky Mountain Distributed Learning (RMDL)

Distributed Learning vs Homeschooling



Rocky Mountain
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6

Distributed Learning Students

Students enrolled in a public or independent school distributed learning program where the majority of the learning takes place at a distance. Distributed learning provides the flexibility to meet learning needs of many B.C. students not served through conventional school programs. Schools in rural and urban communities may have difficulty offering a full range of courses and program options to all students, and distributed learning can expand equitable access to education, specifically providing choice for those students who have restricted options.

Homeschooled Children

Homeschooling is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the B.C. educational system. Typically, a family member delivers the entire educational program to children at home. Homeschooling programs are not:

- Supervised by a B.C.-certified teacher
- Required to meet provincial standards
- Inspected by the Ministry of Education

Homeschooled children are registered at a school (public, francophone or independent school) in the province by September 30th each year. Homeschoolers **are not eligible** to receive a British Columbia Dogwood Graduation Certificate.

Comparison of Homeschooling vs. Public School Distributed Learning

Comparisons at a glance	Homeschooling	Public School Distributed Learning
Must meet the Learning Outcomes of the B.C. Curriculum	No	Yes
Learning must be supervised by a B.C. teacher	No	Yes
Students must use District or School approved resources	No	Yes
Student's progress must be evaluated by teacher; report cards are to be prepared by teacher 3 times a year	No	Yes
Must participate in Provincial testing. (Graduation Exams and Foundation Skills Assessment, grades 4 & 7)	No	Yes
Religious texts/ resources may be used	Yes	No
Status of student with school	Registered	Enrolled

